United Community Corporation
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Biographical Sketch

Donald M. Wendell

Donald M. Wendell, Associate Director for the United Community Corporation, came to the organization originally as the Director of Community Action and was promoted shortly after his appointment. He brings to his new post a wealth of unique experience in the field of civil rights and anti-poverty programs.

For two years prior to joining Newark's anti-poverty agency, Mr. Wendell, a 35 year-old, born in Hudson, New York, served as executive director of the Human Relations Council of Greater New Haven (Conn.).

Earlier,Mr. Wendell served with Community Progress, Inc., New Haven's experimental anti-poverty program, and the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) as a regional field secretary, organizing local chapters and direct action campaigns. As program coordinator for CPI Mr. Wendell was involved in planning and development of community action programs and techniques, some of which were later incorporated in the Economic Opportunity Act and President Johnson's war on poverty.

Mr. Wendell also served as an international representative for the International Ladies Garment Workers Union in the Midwest and attended the union's one year training institute in New York City. He also studied at the University of Chicago Labor Institute (1960-61), and is a graduate of the Walden School, a private N.Y.C. school.

As Associate Director, Mr. Wendell is responsible for the daily administration of the organization, and for progress reports on various departments and programs. In addition, he assists the director in initiating and developing programs and in coordinating educational, vocational, and on-the-job training programs conducted by private agencies.

Mr. Wendell holds membership in a number of professional organizations, including the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials and the National Association of Community Development. He is also a member of CORE, Urban League and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and as a member of the National Junior Chamber of Commerce was cited to appear in the 1965 edition of Outstanding Young Men of America.

Mr. Wendell resides in Newark with his wife and 11 year--old daughter.

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